

dred dollars; on condition that said owner of such negro shall not permit him to depart and remain at large, contrary to the provisions of the last preceding section.

28. Upon breach of the condition of such recognizance, the owner or his security may be made to pay said penalty by writ of scire facias, in the name of the State, for the use of the county or city.

29. Any person who shall make any contract with a slave, for the services of such slave, shall be liable to indictment and fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

30. Any person being the owner, or having the possession or control of a slave, who shall permit such slave to go at large, or hire himself, shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Court for the county where such owner or person resides, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore if he resides in the city of Baltimore, and on conviction, may be fined not exceeding twenty dollars. This and the preceding section not to apply to negroes hiring themselves at harvest not exceeding twenty days.

31. The owner of any plantation who shall at any time find any strange negro slave thereon, unless sent there by his owner on lawful occasion, and shall order such negro to go home, may, upon his refusal or delay so to do, punish such negro by whipping, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes.

#### SUPERANNUATED SLAVES.

32. The county commissioners shall make such suitable provision for old and infirm negro slaves belonging to insolvent estates of deceased persons, as in their judgment may be necessary for their support and maintenance.

#### TRANSPORTING SLAVES BY VESSELS, OR STEAMBOATS OR RAIL ROADS.

33. If any master or officer of a vessel shall receive on board said vessel, or transport from this State, any negro, until such negro shall produce a regularly authenticated certificate of freedom from some clerk or register of a court of this State, accompanied by a certificate by the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county where such vessel may clear, or the clerk of